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LOW PRICES AT T WHARF.

Liberal Fish Receipts Keep Prices Down.

With the arrival of a dozen vessels at Boston today, receipts of fish are quite liberal and equal all demand. But as it is so near the last of the week, it is probable that some of the vessels will go to Gloucester to dispose of their fish to the splitters.

The steam trawler Spray, which was in first of the week, arrived again today with a good trip, mostly haddock, which fish has the call on the market at this time.

So far as prices are concerned, it seems as if there would be no change before next week, when a firmer market may be expected.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Steamer Spray, 29,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 3000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Emelia Ejos, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Arbitrator 5000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Aspinet, 125,000 cod.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 27,000 cod.

Sch. Metamora, 9000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 3000 halibut.

Sch. Seaconnet, 21,000 haddock, 1900 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 5000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 45,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 1200 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$1 to \$1.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$2 to \$2.10; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$1; halibut, 10 cts. per lb.

Portland Fish Notes.

Owners of Portland vessels engaged in swordfishing are feeling better over the outlook which has turned decidedly for the better the past few days. The arrivals at Boston this week have been quite numerous, over 500 fish having been carried in one day, the schooner Katie L. Palmer being among the fortunate ones with a fare of 65 fish.

Fred Marshall of Cliff Island made a good catch Thursday, having captured a 213 pound halibut while engaged in handline fishing off Half Way Rock. The fish weighed more than his captor, and it was only by good management and after quite a struggle that he landed the fish.

The fishing steamer Elthier is making rafts of money for her owners at the present time, coming in again yesterday with another good catch of shad, over 75 barrels of large fish.

A New Food Fish.

The outward invoice of Yarmouth steamers show from week to week shipments of albicores to the American market. In former days, and in fact till this year, no such entries appeared, yet those fish infested our waters in summer, and could have been easily caught as at present, but they were held to be valueless. When they proved hurtful to herring traps, a few were killed and used as lobster bait, being either sold for a trifle or given away. The first opening for export was Fulton market, the foreign population of the East Side being the chief consumers. But the albicores was really good eating and a demand was created in Boston, which gives an upward tendency to prices. So fishing for albicores will be a distinct pursuit here this season.—Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard.

Fish Off Sydney, C. B.

The Sydney Post of Saturday last says:

"Outside in the bay at Ingonish, on Saturday evening there were fish in plenty. All along the shore the July herring were schooling. There were thousands of dollars there in silvery scales and the fish seemed fully aware that it was Saturday night and no nets afloat. On Sunday between the headlands, safe from American seiners and local jigs, the mackerel were schooling in great abundance. What a sight for Sol Jacobs if his eagle eye had scanned these dark ripples from the crow's nest, and the line of the three mile limit had cut out the troublesome maple leaf cruiser."

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ANOTHER LARGE TRIP.

Sch. James W. Parker Has 180,000 Lbs. Cod and 4000 Lbs. Halibut.

Sch. James W. Parker, Capt. George Tufts, arrived yesterday afternoon from a second shack trip after being absent but four weeks, with a monster fare of fresh mixed fish, having 180,000 pounds cod and 4000 pounds of halibut.

Capt. Tufts is maintaining his fine record as a fish killer, for on his first shacking trip to Cape North, he landed a full fare, and now is in on his second trip with one of the largest fares brought in this season.

Capt. Tufts procured his ice and bait at Liverpool, and fished on Western Banks, where good fishing on fresh bait was found. His second baiting was procured at a provincial port, where he made quick dispatch, and no time was lost in getting back on the ground, when he filled up and sailed for home, making a remarkably quick trip and a large one.

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Swordfish on Nova Scotia Shore.

A few swordfish have been sighted off the Cape lately, and some have appeared on the Lunenburg, N. S., shore. No catches have yet been reported.

Catching swordfish is a new industry among Nova Scotians and last season was the first time they engaged in it. Some of the American vessels made good catches off there last season.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Cynthia and Manhasset sailed from Canso on Wednesday.

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NO MACKEREL ON MAINE COAST.

Prospects of Further Catch Fast Dwindling.

The mackerel situation remains unchanged there being no news of the seiners having taken any fish.

Sch. Stiletto, Capt. Charles H. Harty, which arrived last evening, did not take any fish, and he does not take a very optimistic view of the situation. The prospects have not improved and the season has advanced to a point, when a different school of mackerel strike on this shore. It looks now that what mackerel are taken will be on Georges or Nantucket ground. From the whole length of the Maine coast come reports of no mackerel being taken down there.

The total fresh mackerel landed by the fleet for the season to date have been 18,531 bbis. against 39,943 bbis. last year and 42,634 bbis. two years ago. The imports of fresh mackerel to date have been 1631 bbis. against 5987 bbis. last year and 5120 bbis. two years ago.

The total mackerel landed for the season to date has been 2602 bbis. against 12,903 bbis. last year and 16,035 bbis. two years ago.

Irish Mackerel Running Small.

The latest advices from Ireland are to the effect that a good quantity of mackerel are being caught and cured, but that they run about 400 to the barrel, rather smaller than are desired in this market. The imports of mackerel for the week were 485 bbis. including 20 bbis. from Canada and 465 bbis. from Ireland. The total imports of new salt mackerel for the season to date have been 5341 bbis. against 3248 bbis. last year and 8302 bbis. two years ago.

Trade in salt mackerel is very quiet, especially in a jobbing way, but prices are higher, owing to the scarcity of desirable fish. Nova Scotia mackerel, 130 to 150 count, sell at \$17@17.50 bbl. The new Irish mackerel are jobbing at \$14.50@15 bbl. for 300 to 325 count and \$14 for 350 to 375 count.

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REVIEW OF THE SALT FISH MARKET

Cured Cod May Be Imported to Supply Demand.

The action of the salt fish dealers this week indicated a firmer market, as the season advances with higher prices. The situation has arrived at a stage when the big shippers realize in order to supply the fall and winter trade that they will need more fish than what their vessels can produce.

The arrival the last of the week of a number of dory handliners with small fares, has caused some anxiety among the large shippers, who annually send out to the trade many millions of pounds of salt fish food.

This uncovered shortage has made the situation more difficult, for the forwarding interested ones, who are now cognizant of the fact that they will have to go outside for stock if the trade is to get all that it will need.

While prices of cod and all other ground fish are firm, it is evident that they will be higher, and already outside trips of late arrivals have been advanced largely over Board of Trade quotations. A report is current, however, that the big interests have turned their attention in other directions, and sent their agents to the maritime provinces of Canada and Newfoundland to purchase stock. Indeed, if relief is really needed, this is the only source from which it can be had.

In view of this it would not be surprising to see heavy consignments landed here in way of importation. Already a rumor is in the air that the Board of Trade will advance price ex-vessel, as an inducement to keep them employed, in order that they may get a heavier stock than what conditions indicate.

Shipments of cut fish in attractive form are going forward daily, which keep the stock well reduced instead of accumulating, as was seen in past years. The middle of August is when shippers expect many orders which is in line with past years, and unless heavier receipts come forward by that time, they will be placed in a quandary how to supply the trade with all that it will require.

JOHN R. NEAL PRESIDENT.

Annual Meeting of New England Fish Exchange.

The annual election of officers of the New England Fish Exchange was held yesterday at the offices of the exchange on T wharf, Boston. Directors were first voted for, and the following elected: John R. Neal, William J. O'Brien, L. B. Goodspeed, N. D. Freeman, E. A. Rich, C. J. Whitman, F. J. O'Hara Sr., M. P. Shaw, and G. M. Ingalls.

After the election of the directors it was voted to allow them to choose the officers and trustees of the organization, and after the stockholders had withdrawn they went into executive session, and chose the following: President—John R. Neal.

Vice presidents—William J. O'Brien and C. J. Whitman.

Secretary and treasurer—Maurice P. Shaw.

Trustees—N. D. Freeman, E. A. Rich and George M. Ingalls.

At a meeting held last week the stockholders voted to increase the shares to the amount of \$23,000. The arrangements for building at the new location, which the exchange will have in South Boston, will begin as soon as the officers can have plans drawn up.

KILLED BY STINGAREE.

Barbed Spine of Tail Pierces Boy's Neck, Cutting Jugular Vein.

Death in almost unheard of form waited for Lawrence S. Baker, an 11-year-old Jacksonville lad, when he dived from a boat while in Lake Worth.

A stingaree, a huge flat bodied and gruesome species of warm water fish, was lurking just under the boat. One of the barbed spines which this fish carries on its whip-like tail, pierced the boy's neck, cutting the jugular vein. He rose to the surface, crying for help and bled to death within four minutes.

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ONLY ONE FISH FARE AT BOSTON.

Dealers However Well Supplied By Earlier Receipts.

The receipts of fish at T wharf this morning are confined to a single arrival, sch. Appomattox, with 20,000 pounds of cod and 1000 pounds each of haddock and pollock. This was expected at the last day of the week. Then a large number of vessels have been in during the week, so that there were not many to arrive.

Prices as usual are low as is general on Saturday in warm weather, but the opening of the market Monday morning will doubtless see quotations of today advanced. This has always been the case, and the present situation is no exception to this rule.

The Boston dealers are not receiving as large consignments of fish by the steamers from Nova Scotia as they usually do, which is caused by a larger demand down there for home consumption.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Appomattox, 1000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.60; market cod, \$1.85; pollock, 90c.

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WILL TRY HALIBUT FISHING.

Canadian Company to Compete in Pacific Industry.

A Vancouver, C. B., dispatch says that in an effort to win from the Americans an industry which they practically monopolize in the waters of British Columbia, the Pacific Whaling Company has decided to embark in halibut fishing. The operations will be carried out over a wide sphere and in a thoroughly up-to-date manner which will give the local company a considerable advantage over its rivals from across the line.

Five whalers will be utilized in the halibut industry during the winter season, when owing to rough weather the whale hunting cannot be carried on with success. The vessels to be employed are the St. Lawrence, Orion, Sebastin, William Grant and Germania. At two of the Vancouver islands and whaling stations namely Kyuquot and Sechart and at Rose Harbor, the whaling station of the Queen Charlotte Whaling Company, freezing plants for handling the halibut catches will be installed in time for next winter's fishing. The catches will be brought to these stations where they will be treated and shipped to the different markets.

Under present conditions the American halibut fishers which ply their trade in Hecate Straits and off the northern end of Vancouver have to bring their catches often several hundred miles to the American side before they can be placed in freezing plants. In the case of the Canadian company which is about to commence operations the catches will be made in many instances a few miles from the different bases of the freezing plants and the hauls of fish can be treated practically as soon as caught.

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Portland.

Capt. W. R. Gould sch. W. H. Moody came into Portland Thursday and landed 1600 pounds of halibut for J. W. Trefethen. He also had 10,000 pounds of salt fish on board but did not take them out. Capt. Gould said he had been fishing on Georges and that the big flat fish were rather scarce. Dogfish have shown no signs of diminution. Supplies were taken aboard the schooner in the afternoon and the skipper planned to return to the grounds at once.

Sloop Teddy Roosevelt landed 51 barrels bluebacks.
Steamer Elthier, 100 barrels shad and sloop Alice G., 24 barrels shad.

TWO SALT FARES WILL LAND HERE.

Two Fresh Fish Fares Will Go to Boston.

The fishing arrivals at this port today consist of one dory handline trip in sch. Meteor of 140,000 pounds of salt cod, sch. Metamora with 125,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish and schs. Thalia and Flora J. Sears are in port each with 50,000 lbs. of fresh mixed fish.

The two latter vessels will not land their fares here but will run them to Boston tomorrow, in order to be there at the opening of the market Monday morning.

The shore seiners had another dull day for they neither took any pollock or bluebacks.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Metamora, Quero Bank, 125,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.
Sch. Meteor, Quero Bank, dory handline, 140,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Thalia, shore, 50,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore, 50,000 lbs. fresh mixed fish.
Sch. Stiletto, seining.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.
Sch. Water P. Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Leo, haddocking.
Sch. Volant, drifting.
Sch. Hattie L. Trask, drifting.
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, seining.
Sch. Victor, seining.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, seining.
Sch. Thalia, Boston.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Fresh mackerel, 34 cts. each.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.
Outside sales, trawl bank cod, \$3.35 per qtl. for large and \$3 for medium.
Outside sales dory handline bank cod, \$3.65 per qtl. for large and \$3.37 1-2 for medium.
Dressed pollock, 75 cts.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2.25 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.80; Eastern cod, large, \$1.75; medium cod, \$1.60; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, \$1; hake, \$1; pollock, round, 65c; dressed, 70c.

Salt Cod Sales.

The large fare of fresh mixed fish of sch. James W. Parker was sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, and that of sch. Metamora to Cunningham & Thompson.

The fare of salt dory hand line cod of sch. Madonna sold to Charles F. Wonsen & Co., at \$3.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.37 1-2 per cwt. for small.

The fare of salt dory handline cod of sch. Meteor was sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company at \$3.75 and \$3.37 1-2 per cwt.

The fare of sch. Ella M. Goodwin was bought by Davis Bros. at the same price.

The dory handline fare of sch. Elector sold to F. F. Smith & Co. at \$3.75 and \$3.37 1-2 per cwt.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Esperanto arrived at Canso, N. S. on Thursday last and cleared for the fishing ground.
Sch. Blanche and Arabia arrived at Louisburg, C. B., Thursday last and cleared for fishing.
Sch. Winnifred arrived at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday and cleared.
Sch. Tacoma arrived at Canso Friday last, and schs. William E. Morrissey and Lena and Maud at Shelburne the same date and cleared for the fishing ground.

INSISTS ON FREE FISH.

Sir Wilfred Laurier Tells Basis of Reciprocity.

Sir Wilfred Laurier in a recent speech, indicated to a large audience, which was heartily in favor of reciprocity with the United States, what the attitude of Canada will be in the negotiation of a natural products reciprocity treaty.

It is exactly what the Conservative premier, Sir John A. MacDonald, proposed in 1879, and Sir Wilfrid called it Canada's standing offer. The Canadian tariff act of 1879, section 6, said:

"Any or all of the following articles, that is to say, animals of all kinds, vegetables, including potatoes and other roots, plants, trees and shrubs, coal and coke, hops, wheat, peas, beans, barley, rye, oats, Indian corn, buckwheat and all other grain, butter, cheese, fish, (salted or smoked,) lard, tallow, meats (fresh salted or smoked,) and lumber may be imported into Canada free of duty, or at a less scale of duty than is provided by this act, upon proclamation of the governor in council, which may be issued whenever it appears to his satisfaction that similar articles from Canada may be imported into the United States free of duty or at a rate of duty not exceeding that payable on the same under such proclamation when imported into Canada."

It can be stated authoritatively that this will be the position of the Canadian negotiations in the fall.

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MACKEREL OUTLOOK POOR.

Crack Skippers Fail to Find Any Fish.

No change is reported in the mackerel situation, and conditions show about the same as last week. Two of the fleet are at this port, schs. Elmer E. Gray and Emily Cooney, neither of whom have any fish.

Capt. Solomon Jacobs of the former vessel said there were small mackerel on the shoals in small schools, but it was impossible to catch them. They set the seine a half dozen times a day, and never stopped a fish.

Capt. Murphy of the Cooney has the same story to tell of seining some fish, but could not stop them with the seine, which was set several times during the day.

Neither skipper thinks that there will be a different school of fish on this shore, and admits that it looks dull.

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Two Good Trips.

Sch. Jubilee, Capt. William Chetwynd, and sch. Ralph Russell, Capt. Adolphus Amoro, of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company's drifting fleet, arrived yesterday with two of the best fares brought in here this season. The former has 85,000 pounds of salt cod and latter 60,000 pounds. Both vessels have been out but a short time, and those trips show that those two skippers are keeping up the fine record which commenced first of the season.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Selma, was sold to the New England Halibut Company at 8 cents per pound right through.

The fare of sch. Juno went to the American Halibut Company at 8 cents right through.